

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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Application Number	10/039,887
Filing Date	January 3, 2002
First Named Inventor	Robert E. Woodward
Group Art Unit	3739
Examiner Name	Aaron F. Roane
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09186

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-entitled application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Withdrawal from Issue

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Return Postcard
- c. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2555
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Enclosed (in duplicate)
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$920 enclosed

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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SUBMISSION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

Subject to grant of the Petition under 37 CFR §1.313 submitted herewith,  
Applicants request continued examination of the claims with respect to additional  
references identified in the attached Information Disclosure Statement and attached  
Form SB/08A.

**REMARKS**

Applicants request continued examination of the claims with respect to the additional references cited in the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicable fees are submitted herewith. Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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